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Dear Mr. Dulles:

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I'm sure you are aware of the recent newspaper articles which have carried charges made by Senator Joseph McCarthy that Communists are being carried on the payroll of RIAS (Radio in the American Sector), the US supported and financed radio station in Berlin, Germany, and indicate that he proposes to investigate this situation. Statements attributed to Herr Eberhard Schuetz, program director for RIAS, were contained in these articles in which Schuetz admits having been a Communist but now claims complete reorientation.

At the request of RIAS, itself, Region VIII, of the 66th CIC Detachment, stationed in Berlin, has made numerous and continuing security and counter espionage investigations of RIAS personnel and its staff activities. On every such occasion the entire policy and program development staff were completely cleared. Although some security weaknesses were revealed, they were of a minor nature and, for the most part, promptly corrected. Herr Schuetz has proven himself, beyond question, to be completely western oriented. He has demonstrated a thorough understanding and knowledge of Communistic theory, practice, strategy and tactics of the Soviet Zone government and has used this knowledge and understanding to prepare and direct the very effective program of propaganda now being carried on against the East Zone. Its effectiveness can easily be discerned by the intensive campaign of the East Zone authorities to discredit RIAS in the eyes of the residents of that zone.

Any such investigation of the RIAS organization, as proposed by Senator McCarthy, would cast suspicion on the political loyalty of its personnel, regardless of the findings of the senate committee and cause a tremendous loss of faith on the part of the population of the Soviet Zone.

It is an established fact that the US Government benefits extensively, intelligencewise, from the activities of RIAS and the prestige it has established among the populace of the Soviet Zone. The directors of RIAS have shown a very cooperative attitude towards the US intelligence agencies operating in Berlin and have demonstrated willingness to assist in its intelligence exploitation.

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The Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of the Army are believed to be the two major intelligence agencies benefiting from RIAS's cooperation in the collection of intelligence in the Soviet Zone of Germany, and therefore, are the agencies most interested in preventing any reflections on the integrity of RIAS or its key personnel. The faith and support given RIAS by Soviet Zone residents have provided RIAS with a steady flow of all types of information which has been, and is being, disseminated to the interested US intelligence agencies operating in Berlin. In addition to the direct intelligence developed from RIAS's activities an even more important aspect is the degree of which US intelligence agencies depend upon RIAS for recruitment of covert sources and agents in the Soviet Zone for increasing the effectiveness and scope of these agencies' own intelligence effort.

I earnestly believe that an investigation of this sort would seriously damage the faith and trust of the Soviet Zone populace in RIAS's integrity and would, therefore, measurably handicap and reduce the effectiveness of US intelligence operations based in Berlin. Accordingly, I should like to request that you consider this problem. It might be advantageous to hold consultations between your agency and G2, DA, and possibly the Department of State, for the purpose of avoiding the consequences I have pointed out above.

I would appreciate having your views on this subject and assure you that I am ready and willing to contribute any support I can towards reaching a suitable solution to the problem.

Sincerely,

/s/ R. C. Partridge

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